

**OPERATED
DURING FIRE****Patient in Biddeford, Maine,
Institution Under Knife****WHILE HOSPITAL BURNED**

Umbrellas Had to Be Held Over Patients Bed to Shed the Water Which Was Being Poured Over the Burning Building.

Biddeford, Me., March 14.—Trull hospital was destroyed by fire this morning. All the patients were removed without much difficulty. The fire broke out when a woman patient was being operated on. During the last five minutes of the operation it was necessary to hold umbrellas over her bed to shed the water which leaked through the ceiling. She is not expected to live. Two other patients are in a critical condition.

Seventeen patients were removed from their beds during the fire, which was confined to the two upper floors of the hospital and caused the loss of \$5,000.

THREE VILLAGES DESTROYED.

Eruption of Volcano on Island of Savail.

Honolulu, March 14.—The officers of the steamer Sierra, which arrived here from Sydney, N. S. W., via Samoa, report that the eruption of the volcano on the island of Savail, of the Samoan group, continues on a large scale. Three villages have been completely destroyed, including Matalele, where was located the finest cocoa plantation on the island. The residence of A. King and G. Bartlett have been reduced to ruins and a total loss. The lava from the volcano is flowing into the ocean in a stream three quarters of a mile wide and twenty feet deep at the rate of twenty feet an hour. At night a solid wall of molten lava, five miles long can be seen reaching far out into the sea. For some distance ahead the sea water is boiling and the surf breaking over the fiery stream. The government recently ordered the steamer Maori to remove women and children from the scene of danger.

The steamer reports that there has been no communication with Tahiti since the recent disastrous hurricane.

COST \$21,000.

Vicksburg Monument Goes to Boston Firm.

Boston, March 14.—The contract for the building of the monument to the Minnesota troops engaged on the battlefield at Vicksburg has been awarded to the W. B. Van Amringe Granite Company of this city. The head of the company, W. B. Van Amringe, was in St. Paul a few weeks ago, and the contract was signed at that time. The monument is to cost \$21,000, and will be an obelisk of rough stone, one hundred and fifty feet high, without any figure. The base will be of cut granite.

TO VISIT KING EDWARD?

Longworths Are Sated to Do That in June Next.

London, March 14.—The Chronicle says that Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, when they visit London in June, will make a stay at the Buckingham palace as the guests of King Edward. They will also visit the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh, and Ambassador and Mrs. Reid.

HURLED TO GROUND.

One Man Killed and Another Badly Hurt in Washington.

Washington, March 14.—A swinging iron derrick attached to Raleigh hotel accidentally struck a scaffold on which two men were working this morning, hurling them 50 feet to the ground. One, Frank Hammond, was killed instantly, and the other was seriously injured.

EIGHT ANNUAL BREAKS.

This Time Burglars Got \$90 at West Stockbridge, Mass.

Pittsfield, Mass., March 14.—For the eighth time in eight years the West Stockbridge post office safe was blown open early this morning and \$10 in money was secured and \$50 worth of stamps were blown all over the floor.

MINERS STRUCK.

Following Great Mine Disaster at Courrières, France.

Paris, March 14.—Following the great mine disaster at Courrières, 3,000 miners in the Courrières neighborhood have declared a strike. Other miners threaten to join a strike movement.

PLAINFIELD.

I. O. Ricker was in Ryegate and Grotton Tuesday on business. Fred Laird of Montpelier was in this place on Friday of last week. H. Q. Perry and W. J. Batcher were in Montpelier and Barre on Tuesday. Mrs. S. A. Batcher and daughter, Alice, also Mrs. Blanche Townsend, were in Montpelier on Tuesday.

William Wheeler, while working about the saw in the mill on Saturday, cut the third finger of his right hand off and received a number of lacerations on the hand.

Mrs. Amanda Batcher has received news of the death of Mrs. Nancy Lawrence, wife of Franklin Lawrence. Mrs. Batcher's brother, The death was due to a shock on March 3d. Mrs. Lawrence was 81 years old.

SENT PECULIAR LETTER.

Executor for Todd Woman Admitted He Wrote It.

New York, March 14.—A contest over the will of Mrs. Margaretta Todd, the aged and wealthy woman whose mysterious death near Philadelphia last fall has never been fully explained, was begun yesterday. Mrs. Todd's body was found on the railroad tracks and there was evidence that she had been carried there after death in order to conceal foul play.

In the will contest, Mrs. Todd's daughter, Mrs. Frank Toussie, and her grandson, Milton Beresheim, are attempting to have a different executor appointed in place of J. Russell Lockwood, a lawyer who now fills that position. Mr. Lockwood while on the witness stand yesterday identified a letter which he said he had written. It was dated July 8, 1903, and was addressed to the manager of the apartment house in which Mrs. Todd lived. Lockwood explained that he referred to a man named Reed, who frequently visited Mrs. Todd when he wrote:

"That little son of a gun is a dirty little beggar. She promised me faithfully not to leave him a cent. If he makes love to her he's only keeping what she will do. He is a shallow rogue; continue to play him. Have a duplicate key made to her apartment."

Previous to the introduction of this letter Lockwood had testified that he did not have a key made for Mrs. Todd's apartment, but said that he did tell her that it was unsafe for the lady to live all alone in her apartment and suggested that it might be well if he provided a duplicate key.

A reporter for a morning paper testified that in an interview with Mr. Lockwood he told him that there were two wills, one made in 1903, the will now being contested, and another made in 1903.

On cross examination, witness could not remember whether Lockwood told him that he had the will or that he knew there were two wills.

DODGE ON PROTECTION.

Balfour and Chamberlain Are at Present Non-Committal.

London, March 14.—The opening of the debate in the House of Commons Monday on motion of Sir James Kitson, ministerialist, declaring it to be the determination of Parliament to resist any attempt to institute protective duties proved to be uneventful. The motion was aimed to emphasize the disunion supposed to exist amongst the Unionists, but former Premier Balfour humorously treated it as a motion of censure on the opposition, and both he and Joseph Chamberlain avoided committing themselves to any expression of opinion. The main points of interest in the debate were of a personal character. Mr. Chamberlain once called the premier "uncivil," and on another occasion Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, testily replying the opposition for voting time, exclaimed: "Enough of this tomfoolery, move your amendments and let us get to business."

The debate continued into the small hours. At one point Sir Edward Clarke, Mr. Balfour's colleague in the representation of the city of London, made a notable repudiation of Mr. Chamberlain's personal attack, declaring himself in favor of Mr. Balfour's policy of retaliation. The division will be taken.

HIS THROAT WAS CUT.

New York Police Think This Actor Was Murdered.

New York, March 14.—The body of Louis De Lange, a playwright, whose home was formerly in Philadelphia, was found in his room at West 142nd street when his brother went to awaken him yesterday. De Lange collaborated in the production of "The House of Mirth" and was the author of "The Globe Trotter," "The Little Host" and "Sweet Annie Page." He was formerly an actor. The police announce that they believe De Lange had come to his death by foul play and that an investigation of his death will be held. De Lange was known as Louis De Lange Moss, having been adopted by a wealthy Philadelphia stationer when a boy.

FOR STATE CHAMPION.

Brattleboro and St. Johnsbury Teams Will Meet.

White River Junction, March 14.—The rubber game for the championship of the state between the Brattleboro A. C. basketball team and the Brattleboro D. A. team will be played at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, March 21.

Special trains will run from both Brattleboro and St. Johnsbury to accommodate the enthusiastic friends of each side. The teams have won two games apiece in the series and the rubber game promises to be a close one.

Brattleboro trimmed Bellows Falls, its nearest rival, at Keene last week.

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS.

Montgomery Rollins of Boston Spoke at Dartmouth College.

Hanover, March 14.—Montgomery Rollins, the financial writer, formerly connected with the E. H. Rollins Banking company of Boston, addressed Dartmouth students last night on "Finance." Of the demand for an elastic currency he said that there was money enough and that a more elastic currency than we now have would only benefit speculators. He also spoke of the need of laws regulating the affairs of trust companies, of banking, and the formation of pools.

RIPE FOR CHANGE.

Chinese Think China Should Adopt European Ways.

New York, March 14.—Prince Tsai Tse, first cousin to the Emperor of China, visited Chinatown last night and was given a royal welcome. The prince was entertained at the Hotel Savoy, Joseph Singleton, president of the Chinese Real Estate association made a speech of welcome to which the prince responded. The prince during his remarks said he believed in European ways and thought it was about time that China should adopt them.

**DISAPPOINTED
OVER MONEY****Schidlofski Found Bride Not
So Rich As He Expected****WAS TESTIMONY TODAY**

In Trial of Boston Man Who Is Charged With Murdering His Wife—Had Told of His Disappointment to His Friends.

Boston, Mass., March 14.—In the Schidlofski murder trial today, Isabella Schidlofski testified that she was unrelated to the prisoner and that the latter said to her on the morning before he was married to Marciana that he would find out in a few days if his wife had been true to him, and that he believed she had lied to him about all of the money she possessed.

An aunt of the murdered woman testified that she talked with the prisoner after the wedding about his contemplated trip to California and that Schidlofski said his wife had less money than she had represented before marriage.

TOLD HOW SHE WAS HURT.

Mary M. Strong Sued Burlington Electric Railroad.

Burlington, March 14.—A good share of the day was taken up in Chittenden County Court yesterday with the testimony of Mrs. Mary M. Strong, the plaintiff in the suit of Strong vs. the Burlington Traction Company, the case to recover \$5,000 alleged to have been insured in an accident caused by the defendant company's agents' careless running of the car.

Mrs. Strong testifies that on the day of the accident she boarded an open car on North Winoski Avenue near the corner of North street. She sat about the middle of the car and at the end of the seat. The car, she said, was going fast. After they had passed Grant street she saw a wagon directly ahead and across the rails, but did not see the horse. She arose from her seat, partially as she feared something might happen, and almost simultaneously the car crashed into the wagon and she was thrown out. She said she noticed an attempt to slacken the speed of the car as it neared the wagon, and she denied that she jumped out. The fall she received, she testified, made her unconscious. She broke her limb at the knee and sustained other bruises, and dislocated her right shoulder, necessitating doctor's bills, etc., and a long period of being laid up.

TO ADVANCE GEN. HOWARD.

May Be Made Lieutenant General on Retired List.

Burlington, March 14.—The information that Senator Redford Proctor had introduced a measure into Congress providing for the advance of Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. A., retired, from that rank to that of lieutenant general on the retired list was received last evening. The measure is submitted as an amendment to the army bill.

The name of General Howard appears on the list of major generals on the retired list. He is ranked by Major General Daniel E. Sickles, who served only during the Civil war and has no further service from 1869 to his death, while General Howard continued in the service until 1904. He has two lieutenant generals ranking him, Nelson A. Miles and Samuel B. M. Young, while if his record were considered he should be ranking far above either one of those officers.

LARGE FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Many Firms Were Burned Out—Loss \$300,000.

New York, March 14.—A fire which originated last night in the basement of the five-story brick building, 13 to 19 East 4th street and spread to the numbers on Lafayette street, completely destroyed that building and spread to the adjoining five-story building, numbers 11 and 13 East 4th street.

Six firms occupied the first building and five the last. The main floor of the former was tenanted by six American and Westcott express companies. The amount of freight stored by the express companies was large, as this was one of their main shipping points in the city. The other firms occupying this building were:

C. H. Toney, hat manufacturer; Fox, Lederer & Co., and Schwartz, Dobner, Cohen & Co. It is believed the loss will reach \$300,000. The damage done in the second building was not so great, amounting to only about \$50,000.

MAJ. BOWMAN HAS SHOCK.

Reported in a Serious Condition at Home of His Son in Pasadena, Cal.

St. Johnsbury, March 14.—Word was received here yesterday that Major N. P. Bowman had received a shock at his son's home in Pasadena, Cal., and was in a critical condition. As Major Bowman is in his 44th year his recovery is very doubtful. He is one of the best known men in the state and has been grand master of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities and grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR TUFTS.

Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Hamilton Chosen by Trustees.

Boston, March 14.—The trustees of Tufts college met in this city yesterday and elected the Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Hamilton president of the college, to succeed the late President, Elmer H. Carr. The newly elected president is pastor of the First Universalist church in Roxbury and is a native of Portland, Me.

**GETS WEEK'S DELAY
IN EXTRADITION**

Patrick McCabe Is Working to Prevent His Being Brought Back into United States to Face a Grave Charge.

Montreal, March 14.—The hearing on the extradition of McCabe in the case of Patrick F. McCabe, formerly Central Vermont station agent at Bolton, Vt., and now a fugitive from justice, was taken before Judge F. X. Choquet of the court of special sessions, sitting as extradition commissioners, at 2:30 yesterday.

A strong corroborative case of circumstantial evidence, tending to show that the respondent was the man who committed the crime, was presented by State's Attorney A. L. Sherman of Burlington, Vt., who was assisted by former Crown Prosecutor J. F. Cooke. At the conclusion of the presentation of the case of the State of Vermont, Attorney Gordon McKinnon of the law firm of Foster, Martin, McMahon and McKinnon, which had been retained by McCabe, asked for a continuance on the ground that the firm had but just been retained and had had no time to prepare their case or produce witnesses in their client's behalf. The court granted the motion and set the case for Tuesday morning, the 20th inst., when it will be taken up and probably disposed of. Former State's Attorney M. G. Leary of Richmond, Vt., also appeared as one of McCabe's counsel.

The witnesses improved by the state were Sheriff E. H. Horton, Burlington; the Hon. Fuller C. Smith, chairman of the board of railroad commissioners; Superintendent C. E. Soule of the Central Vermont; Carl Preston of Bolton, who was at the throttle and struck his engine during the wreck; George S. Bronson, a freight brakeman, who last set and locked the switches at Bolton; Arthur B. Stevens, a lumber dealer of Bolton, who saw the wreck and the false signal lights; Carl Preston of Bolton, who saw the signal indicating a clear track, while the switch was set wrong; Louis Blair, who was with McCabe the afternoon and evening of the wreck and who testified against the prisoner; and also Miss Grace Cree, stenographer of the state's attorney.

McCabe is looking thin and troubled, and is exhausting every means in his power to avoid being brought back to face the music. It is the general opinion that he will eventually be extradited.

THREATENED TO KILL HER.

Says Georgianna Cadieux Who Sues for Divorce.

Burlington, March 14.—Papers have just been served by Deputy Sheriff Ravlin in the divorce case of Georgianna Cadieux vs. Eugene Cadieux. In the petition there is also a prayer for an injunction against the husband asking that he be restrained from interfering with her child, Ophelia. Mrs. Cadieux alleges that her husband has threatened her life and the life of her daughter.

She wants a divorce on grounds of intolerable severity and refusal to support. She also desires alimony and the custody of the minor child, Ophelia. The case is returnable at the September term.

BUSINESS IS EXPANDING.

Waterbury Packing Company Will Branch Out in Randolph.

Waterbury, March 14.—The Demeritt & Palmer Packing Co. have made definite plans to erect a canning factory at work on plans for the building, which will be of cement and practically fireproof. It is the plan of the company to make the new plant with a larger capacity than the one they now occupy by the father of the girl last fall when this company has also purchased the E. W. Hantley mill property in Duxbury. The price is said to be \$10,000. E. F. Palmer, Jr., has resigned his position of railway mail clerk and will give his time to the lumber business while R. R. Demeritt will attend to the canning business.

ABUSE IS CHARGED.

Enosburg Falls Teacher Summoned to Answer Charge.

Enosburg Falls, March 14.—Complaint had been made through proper channels against Miss Emma McCue, the teacher in the grammar grade of the high school. The case is to come before the grand jury in St. Albans Thursday. The charge is for abuse of a pupil, Miss Jessie Lawrence, and is the result of a threat made by the teacher to the girl last fall when there was trouble between her and the teacher. The members of Miss Lawrence's class have been summoned to appear at the time mentioned.

CLAIMS NEGLIGENCE.

Dinah E. P. Edmonds of Wallingford Sues Railroad for \$5,000.

Rutland, March 14.—Dinah E. P. Edmonds of Wallingford has brought suit against the Rutland railroad to recover \$5,000 for alleged negligence. She claims that she broke her arm and sustained other serious injuries while alighting from a train at South Wallingford on February 3, and that it was due to the negligence of the road to provide a proper platform. Butler & Maloney are counsel for the plaintiff.

Rutland County Druggists Organize.

Rutland, March 14.—The first organization of druggists in the state of Vermont was made yesterday in this city, the pharmacists to be known as the Rutland County Druggists' association. It is expected that other druggists in the various counties will organize similar associations within a few weeks.

President, Z. B. Hopkins of Brandon; vice president, Edward G. McCallan of Rutland; secretary, H. W. Humphreys of West Rutland; treasurer, J. P. Lynde of Rutland; trustees, S. C. Saunders of Wallingford, F. W. Churchill of Brandon, George E. Adams of Fair Haven, L. A. Miner and C. W. Ward of Rutland; auditors, Michael Green of Fair Haven, Dan Carpenter of Middlebury, and W. W. Pratt of Rutland.

**HE MISTOOK
THE TRACK****And Was Struck by Train at
Barton Landing****AND CANNOT RECOVER**

William Sheldon, Employed at Prouty & Miller's Mill, Is Fifty-five Years of Age and Has a Family.

Barton Landing, March 14.—William Sheldon, employed at Prouty & Miller's saw mill, was struck by a train at 6:45 o'clock this morning and sustained injuries from which it is not expected he can recover. He was walking on the track and probably mistook the track on which the approaching train was running. He is 55 years of age and has a family.

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED.

State Bowling Match at Montpelier on March 27.

The date of holding the state bowling tournament at Montpelier has been postponed to March 27, and good sport is assured. Thus far there have been the following entries: from Rutland, one five-man team, three two-man teams and 5 single participants; from Burlington, one five-man team and the same from Barre and Montpelier. The tournament will be played on Daley's alleys and will cover two days.

NINE APPLICANTS.

Overseer of Poor Job in Montpelier Is Much Sought.

Montpelier, March 14.—An advertisement stated today that nine applications for the position of overseer of the poor have been received for the appointment, which will be made tonight. The only applicant known to the public is S. W. Benjamin, and he is likely to succeed Calvin L. Parmenter, against whom considerable opposition has developed.

IN ST. JOHNSBURY, TOO.

Liquor Raid Made and Seller Was Convicted Yesterday.

St. Johnsbury, March 14.—Officers raided the rooms of William J. Brennan on Railroad street Saturday night and found therein a small quantity of intoxicating liquor. Brennan pleaded guilty to keeping and selling intoxicating liquor and settling with the court yesterday by paying a fine of \$300 and costs of nearly \$25.

DR. LEWIS SUES J. W. HOLTON.

Claims He Was Denied Possession of a Piece of Jewelry.

The trial of the Barre case of Dr. A. H. Lewis vs. J. W. Holton, a former jeweler here, was started in county court this morning. It is a \$50 trover case for the recovery of a piece of jewelry taken to Holton's jewelry store. The plaintiff claims that possession was denied him.

DIED IN BOSTON.

Henry McNally Was Struck by Bridge Recently.

Swanton, March 14.—News has been received here of the death of Henry McNally, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McNally of this place. He was killed by an over head bridge in Boston, where he has been employed for several years. He was 53 years of age. His body will be brought here for burial.

WATERVILLE VOTED "NO."

Belated Town Meeting Was Held Yesterday.

Waterville, March 14.—The town meeting was held here yesterday on account of the warning not having been posted in time for the meeting to be held on the usual day, March 6. The vote on the license question was yes 17, no 55.

RUSH FOR STOCK.

Chinese Wanted It So Badly They Were in Riot.

Canton, March 14.—The stock of the Hankow-Canton railroad was offered for sale today. The rush of applicants was so great that the streets became blocked and it was necessary to call out soldiers to manage the crowd.

CHELSEA.

H. E. Day of Corinth was in town Monday on business.

Frank H. Kenerson returned to Waterville Monday, where he has secured work.

Charles E. Dickenson of Waits River is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dickenson, on Court street.

Miss Gertrude M. Bacon is spending a week with friends in Randolph.

Josephine Hubbard proposes to sell her farm and all personal property at public auction about the middle of April.

Harlan M. Gaylord of Brookfield and Atty. Stanley C. Wilson were away on a business trip Monday and Tuesday, which took them to Wells River, St. Johnsbury, Montpelier and Barre.

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POST OFFICE CUT OFF.

South Northfield Office Has Been Discontinued.

Northfield, March 14.—The Post office Department has given notice that the postoffice at South Northfield will be discontinued April 2. After that date all mail addressed to South Northfield will be delivered through the Northfield office. Those who have appeared at mail boxes erected by that time will be sent by the rural free delivery carrier and to others through the office direct. This will not conflict with the present delivery of the Star Route carrier on the road between South Northfield and East Roxbury. The present postoffice at South Northfield was appointed a few months since.

TWO FOR THE INVINCIBLES.

Defeated the Reliance Candle Pin Men in Two Strings.

The Invincible bunch of bowlers took two strings from the Reliance team in their candle pin match at Alexander's alleys last evening. Austin secured high single string score of 104 with Brown a close second with 103. Brown had high three-string total of 285.

INVINCIBLES.

Oliver 83 93 75—252
Boyes 66 85 73—224
Bird 74 76 73—222
Belter 89 78 87—254
Brown 103 96 84—283

RELIANCE.

Trenoweth 92 77 68—237
Smith 70 91 88—255
Douglass 77 66 83—222
Taylor 83 81 100—269
Cole 77 —77
Austin 104 76—179

Totals 415 426 392—1235

LUMBERS AT HARDWICK.

GET BETTER AGREEMENT

Will Go to Work Under New Schedule Tomorrow—Quarry Workers' Union

Now Has Ninety Branches and Is Still Growing.

The nineteenth charter in the Quarry Workers' International union has just been granted to Red Granite, Wisconsin. The eighty-ninth was granted by Secretary P. F. McCarthy during his visit to Stansford, Vt., on which occasion he returned last night. There are 36 members in the Stansford branch, and the present strength of the union is about 4,700. On the trip north Secretary McCarthy stated the quarriesmen at Newport, this state, and assisted in straightening out a local difficulty. He was intending to return by way of Hardwick to assist the lumbers there, but got word that they had effected a settlement with their employers on what they consider to be a satisfactory basis.

Under the new agreement which goes into effect tomorrow, March 15, the Hardwick lumbers will work eight hours instead of nine, and they will get from \$2 to \$3 a day, according to their ability to earn it, whereas previously they were drawing about \$2 for the longer day. For overtime they will get pay and a quarter, and for Sundays and holidays double pay. The settlement is for two years, and it has been pending for two months. There are ninety men to be affected by the settlement.

Secretary McCarthy will leave tonight for Rockland, Maine, having been called to assist in reaching a new bill of prices and the limitations of the union. He is still working there, and it is expected that an agreement will be reached.

DEATH OF J. M. EASTMAN

AT WEST FAIRLEE

Senior Member of Firm of Eastman Brothers Died Yesterday After